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Reply to
Attn of: HW-124

Mr. Jerry Lyle, Director
Environmental Restoration Division
U.S. Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
785 DOE Place
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1562

Re: The Explanation of Significant Difference for the Power
Burst Facility Corrosive Waste Sump and Evaporation Pond
Interim Action (Operable Unit 5-13)

Dear Mr. Lyle:

We have reviewed the referenced document and have briefed Region 10 management up through the Deputy Regional Administrator on the modified remedy that DOE will implement for the contaminated sump sludge removed from this site.

The decisions presented are consistent with the EPA guidance for an Explanation of Significant Difference. The rationale for, and scope of the changes are clearly presented in the document. We agree that the modified remedy is consistent with the scope and purpose of the remedy selected in the Record of Decision for this operable unit. The remedial action should be completed as soon as possible, consistent with the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order for the INEL, and the ROD for this OU.

If there are any further issues that you or your staff wish to discuss regarding this action, please contact me at (206) 553-7261, or Howard Blood, EPA WAG 5 Manager at (206) 553-1172.

Sincerely,

Wayne Pierre
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